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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton Chairman Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the legislation to expedite the naturalization of certain U.S. intelligence sources, recently passed as part of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1986.

This legislation will help to recognize those individuals whose labors overseas, under difficult and dangerous circumstances, have made a substantial contribution to our national intelligence mission.

I want to thank Representatives Beilenson and Hyde of the Subcommittee on Legislation for their efforts in this matter. The hearings held by the Subcommittee played a major role in building the record which led to positive action on the legislation.

Also, I wish to commend the Committee staff, particularly Messrs. Bernard Raimo, Jr. and David S. Addington, Counsels to the Subcommittee, for their careful and diligent work on the legislation. That work provided a firm basis on which the Committee was able to proceed.

The Agency looks forward to our first presentation to the Committee in connection with this legislation.

Sincerely,

/S/ John N. McMahon

John N. McMahon Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

cc: The Honorable Anthony C. Beilenson Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

> The Honorable Henry J. Hyde Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence